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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively to or in addition to adding an inorganic salt, a filtration aid may be added to the mixture of organic carbonyl compound and inorganic phosphorus(I) compound before the filtration step. Basically, any mildly alkaline to mildly acidic known filtration aids, such as bleaching earths for example, are suitable. Suitable filtration aids are commercially available, for example, under the names of "Hyflow® Supercel" (Manville Corp.), a kieselguhr filter aid or "Tonsil® Standard" (Südchemie), an acid treated bentonite filter aid. These filtration aids enhance the purifying effect of the filtration step and thus contribute towards reducing color in the end product.